

OBITUARIES

LINDA CAROL SEXTON JONES



Linda Carol Sexton Jones, age 80, of Jones Ridge, Clearfield, Kentucky, passed away Monday August 4, 2025, at UK St. Claire HealthCare in Morehead, Kentucky, surrounded by loved ones. Born September 5, 1944, in Arizona, she was the daughter of the late Estill Sexton and Juanita Williams Sexton. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband of 51 years, Harold Gene Jones, on February

10, 2017; and her son, Billy Sexton, on August 12, 2018. Linda is survived by one daughter, Kathy Jones (and Clyde Clevenger) of Clearfield; one son, Tony Jones (and Sherry) of Clearfield; one grandson, Terry Whitt, Jr. (and Chelsea); two step granddaughters, Violet Clevenger and Abbi Clevenger; five great grandchildren, Elijah Whitt, Emma Whitt, Madilyn Whitt, Brynlee Whitt, and Trenton Whitt; and three step great grandchildren, Haisley, Hudson, and Tucker Clevenger. Other survivors include one sister, Sue Mabry (and Frank) of Clearfield; extended family and friends. Linda was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, who loved her family. She especially enjoyed visiting with her grandchildren and making special memories.

She also enjoyed camping, working puzzles and taking care of her dogs. Linda will be missed and remembered with love. Funeral services were. Friday, August 8, 2025, at Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals Memorial Chapel with Pastor Greg Bowman and Brother Carlos Bowman officiating. Burial followed in the Jones Cemetery on Jones Ridge. Pallbearers were Terry Whitt, Jr., Tony Jones, Clyde Clevenger, Ernie Wallace, Leonard Young, Greg Bowman. Honorary pallbearers were Elijah Whitt, Trenton Whitt and Randy Cox,. Visitation for Linda Sexton Jones was Thursday, August 7, 2025, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals, 400 Fraley Drive, Morehead, KY 40351 View or sign guestbook at www.northcuttandson.com

BARBARA SUE LEMASTER PHILLIPS



Barbara Sue LeMaster Phillips, 80, of Morehead, Kentucky, passed away Monday, August 4, 2025 at UK-St. Claire HealthCare in Morehead after an extended illness. She was born November 9, 1944 in Carter County, Kentucky to the late Elmer and Dora McDaniel LeMaster. Barbara was a retired

sales representative for State Farm Insurance. She was a Member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Normal, Illinois. She was a 1962 graduate of Belleville High School and a graduate of Washtenaw Community College. Barbara enjoyed reading and after retirement she worked at the Martin Township Library. She also enjoyed sewing and cooking. Her biscuits and gravy, cole slaw and baked beans were legendary. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Carl Phillips, brothers: Von Eldon LeMaster, Don Alton LeMaster and her sister, Charolette LeMaster. Survivors include

two sons: Jeff Phillips of Normal, Illinois and Tom (Dawn) Phillips of Richmond, Texas, one brother, Charles LeMaster of Elliottville, Kentucky and one sister, Zelma Vanbuskirk of Brooksville, Florida, six grandchildren, and several nieces, nephews and other relatives including the McDaniel family. A Celebration of Life service for family and friends will be held at a later date. The Michael R. Gray Funeral Home at 808 Old Flemingsburg Road in Morehead is caring for all arrangements for Barbara Sue LeMaster Phillips. To view the online memorial and sign the guest book, please visit www.mrgrayfh.com.

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Gunner Havens, Brody Heinkel, Chase Johnson, Carter Kochenderfer, Jace Ratliff, Cole Stiltner, Landon Thomas, Case Triplett, and Zaiden Ward. Under the General Business Agenda, New Business, the court, after some discussion, agreed to postpone the motion for a “resolution of the City of Morehead, Kentucky authorizing participation in the “Kentucky League of Cities Investment Pool Plus,” to the September 8th Fiscal Court meet-

ing. The issue will be discussed at the next work session but no action would be taken during the session. Under Quarterly Reports, Joy Brown, Executive Director of Morehead-Rowan County Tourism, gave updates regarding tourism, mentioned the Adult Art Weeks held at the Rowan County Arts Center, showed the council members pamphlets regarding tourism which features advertisements of sponsors and much more regarding tourism in Morehead and Rowan County, spoke about Morehead hopefully be-

coming a bicycle-friendly city in 2026, and mentioned that Morehead and Rowan County have been invited to become a member of the Rural Tourism Institute. She also reports that Arts and Eats has been scheduled for Dec. Under Future Growth/Development/Projects for the City, City Planner Rodney Fouch reported to the council that a few permits have been filed for demolitions of dilapidated houses in the city and spoke about the surveys that were sent

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JOHN PAUL “J. P.” MCKENZIE



John Paul “J. P.” McKenzie, age 85, of Morehead, Kentucky, widower of Margaret McKenzie, passed away Friday, August 8, 2025, at UK St. Claire HealthCare in Morehead. Born January 21, 1940, in Rowan County, Kentucky, he was a son of the late Andy (Bug) McKenzie and Oda Carpenter McKenzie. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers, Austin, Bill, Mitchell, and Ralph, and sisters, Louise, Carmie, Kathy, and Bonnie. J. P. and Leora Marga-

ret Law McKenzie were united in marriage on May 24, 1969, and enjoyed nearly 54 years together until her passing on November 25, 2022. Survivors include a son, James McKenzie, and his wife Mary Williams McKenzie, of Morehead; a step grandson, Ben Williams of Farmers; and two sisters, Helen and Virginia. He also leaves behind nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends. J. P. retired as a State Highway foreman after years of dedicated service. An outdoorsman, he enjoyed squirrel and deer hunting, fishing, walking with his dog Boomer, and riding his 4-wheeler. An avid NASCAR fan, he rarely missed watching a race. Through the years, he and Margaret looked forward to their regularly scheduled trips to Gatlinburg to enjoy the beauty of nature, observe wildlife, attend the Dixie Stampede, and appreciate the holiday lighting and festivities.

J. P. was a member of Phelps Masonic Lodge No. 482 in Farmers. He will be greatly missed. Funeral services were conducted at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals with Pastor Jeff Fannin officiating. Masonic rites were conducted prior to the service at 12:30 p.m. by Phelps Masonic Lodge No. 482. Following the service, burial was in Brown Cemetery. Pallbearers were J. C. Suarez, Jeff Furnish, Junior Fraley, Ben Williams, Mark Law, and Tommy Mullins. David Mullins served as an honorary pallbearer. Visitation was Tuesday, August 12, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals, 400 Fraley Drive, Morehead, KY 40351. View memorial tribute or sign guestbook at www.northcuttandson.com

CLARENCE WALLACE



Clarence Wallace, 78, of Mt. Sterling, entered his Heavenly home on Monday, August 11, 2025, at his residence. Born December 7, 1946, at Sharkey in Rowan County, he was the son of the late Ernest Wallace and Eula Frances Black, and was raised by his late Uncle Sud and Aunt Christine Rawlings. Clarence was a man of hard work, strong faith, and deep devotion to his family. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army and Army National Guard. A 1964 graduate of Fleming County High School, he earned his bachelor’s degree in business management from Morehead State University. He retired as superintendent of operations from Bourbon Limestone in Paris, Kentucky, after dedicating more than 40 years to operating rock quarries across the state. An avid UK sports fan, Clarence enjoyed working on the farm, breaking horses, cutting hay, and caring for his cattle. He loved traveling and espe-

cially treasured spending winters in Melbourne, Florida, where he made special friends. Above all, he lived as a devoted Christian of the Protestant faith. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife of 33 years, Bertha Newell Prewitt Wallace, on January 12, 2010; and his sisters, Janice Ruth Paul and Betty Lee Bryan. Clarence leaves behind his son and daughter-in-law, Robert Scott and Joy Lynn Wallace of Morehead; four sisters, Pauline Ramage of Mt. Victory, Ohio, Imogene Sorrell of Salt Lick, Joyce Lyons of Owingsville, and Sally Brashear of Muncie, Indiana; and his grandson, Cameron Tret Wallace of Georgetown. Clarence also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, and dear friends who will cherish his memory. Those who knew Clarence will remember his steady kindness, his willingness to help others, and the joy he found in life’s simple blessings. His

life was a testimony of love, loyalty, and faith. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, August 15, 2025, at Hutton Funeral Home with Brother Andy Lands and Brother Jared DeAtley officiating. Burial will follow in Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens in Morehead with full military honors presented by Morehead American Legion Post 126. Pallbearers will be Lowell Manning, Roy Wayne Sorrell, Tim Vise, Gerald Saunders, Zach McClurg, and Al Black. Honorary pallbearers will be Brother Jim and Bonnie DeAtley, Brother Jack and Nettie Hinton, Jim Story, and Carl Sizemore. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, August 14, 2025, and from 9 a.m. until the service at 11 a.m. Friday, August 15, 2025, at Hutton Funeral Home, 7634 Hillsboro Road, Hillsboro, KY. View or sign online guestbook at www.huttonfuneralhome.com

MOREHEAD-ROWAN COUNTY-LAKEVIEW HEIGHTS JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Morehead-Rowan County-Lakeview Heights Joint Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, at 12:00 PM at Morehead City Hall, 314 West Main Street, Morehead, Kentucky.

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments on the proposed Rowan County Comprehensive Plan prior. All interested persons are invited to attend and share their views.

A copy of the proposed Comprehensive Plan is available for public review during regular business hours at the Rowan County Judge/Executive's Office at 600 West Main Street, Morehead, Kentucky. Written comments may be submitted to the Rowan County Judge/Executive's Office prior to the hearing.

For additional information, please contact Jocelyn Gross at 606.780.0090 or email jocelynr.gross@ky.gov.

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